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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, August 11th 1898.

WITH Russian aggression in the North and French activity in the South, directed, as undoubtedly both efforts are, to stretching across Central China and thus dividing what every Englishman must regard as territory of vital importance to us, we look with interest not unmixed with anxiety on the efforts of Lord SALISBURY to bolster up China by the reorganization of its army and navy under the auspices of British officers. If complete control be given, such a force can be raised and disciplined as would offer a serious resistance to the Powers bent on encroachment on China's frontiers. There are those, whose opinion cannot be lightly disregarded, who maintain that such control, although it may be granted nominally, will never be so effectively put into effect as for the moment, and supposing that everything is as the Premier wishes, the real question which presents itself is Will those British officers be allowed to remain and lead their troops or command their war vessels in the event of China finding herself at war with any of her Western neighbours? Unless the Government have resolved on an affirmative answer to this question, should the necessity arise, the reorganization of China's army and fleet will be another enactment of the farce played under Captain LANG.

Notwithstanding the Premier's remarks at the annual dinner of the United Club that "some people expected Great Britain to govern India," the nation at large looks for and are prepared to support resistance to any attempt at encroachment on that territory bordering on the Yangtze and West Rivers, or situated between them. Important as a properly drilled and directed Chinese army and navy would be in maintaining the integrity of that vast tract of country, it is to be the only factor on which we are to rely? The Premier further informs us of his disbelief of any warlike action between "us and the Emperor of China." We quite agree as to the improbability of anything of the sort taking place, and we are quite assured that, if it did take place, there would only be one ending to it, and that disastrous to the Emperor; but it by no means follows that, although warlike action between "us and the Emperor" is unlikely, necessity may not arise for concentrating British troops either in the Yangtze or West River valleys, or perhaps in both. Railways have yet to be built, but it has always struck us that in the British river steamers have run on the Yangtze and which without doubt will shortly be placed on the West River. The Government have at hand a number of transports which might be made the nucleus of a very efficient flotilla.

for the patrol and control of these two most important waterways. Except on one occasion when a vessel was chartered and temporarily turned into a gunboat to go to Ichang for the protection of the residents there, we do not think the services of these vessels have ever been availed of. In the case of a rich gunboat, it is sent, but it frequently happens that either the depth of water is insufficient to allow of reaching her destination or else if she gets up and it is all into the season she is compelled by the filling of the river to remain over the winter until the water rises. Hence it is we see gunboats stranded at Hankow, Ichang, &c., throughout the winter without the possibility of getting them out should they be required elsewhere.

The China Navigation Co. and Indo-China Co. already possess vessels capable of transporting a large body of troops along the Yangtze at all seasons of the year and, as we said before, these companies and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. will doubtless shortly have such vessels on the West River. With a Government subsidy, similar to that given to some of our ocean lines, the structure of these vessels and of any subsequently built could be so modified as to admit of their being readily armed without interfering with their utility from a commercial point of view; while their officers might either be Naval Reservists or at least members of the various volunteer corps now being formed from the British Merchant Marine in China. We are by no means an advocate of a system of subsidies either for the purpose of promoting railway enterprise or encouraging the establishment of steamship lines. This, as a rule, can be safely left to the commercial instinct of the merchant, but, as the Times remarks, "the advance of Russia to the port of the Eastern seas has profoundly modified the view which the Government of Great Britain must take of its Imperial responsibilities." By some such scheme as we advocate the Government would have at least a fleet of light draft gunboats and transports always in commission and consequently in thorough working order, manned by officers and pilots with an intimate knowledge of every inch of the waterways they navigate, and which could be relied upon to do yeoman service in time of need, leaving our war vessels free to maintain that power at sea without which Mr. BALFOUR said, it does not much matter who holds Port Arthur or Weihaiwei or, we might add, the Yangtze or West River valleys.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at half past three this afternoon.

H.M.S. *Hermione* was expected to leave Singapore for Bangkok on the 3rd August.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bellerophon* left Singapore on 6th inst. and may be expected here on or about Monday, 15th inst.

The N. P. steamer *Maryl*, bound from Portland for Japan and Korea, on the 7th instant.

Mr. J. Whaley, of Keween, writes that he is not and never has been the owner of the hawk Commander He-tungs said at the Magistrate on Tuesday had lost its character for having bitten a dog, and that he did not pay the coolie \$1 compensation.

It is generally supposed that in the summer months Macao, being more open to the sun and west-northwest, is considerably cooler than Hongkong. The daily weather reports, however, give thermometer readings usually about three degrees higher than in Hongkong, though occasionally the difference falls to one degree only. The explanation of the higher reading is that the Macao temperature was taken in the shade, while the Hongkong temperature would be about two or three degrees below that of Hongkong instead of two or three degrees above. The point is worth the attention of the Macao authorities, as the present erroneous temperature figures are calculated to damage the reputation of the Holy City as a health and pleasure resort.

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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from the Bangkok Gazette:

**THE PRINCE OF WALES.**

London, 26th July.

Bulletins relating to the condition of the Prince of Wales state His Royal Highness is making uninterrupted progress towards recovery.

London, 27th July.

The Prince of Wales continues to make satisfactory progress towards recovery, and is going to Court on Saturday.

**THE AMERICANS AND THE CUBANS.**

London, 24th July.

In view of the better knowledge now obtained of the conditions among the Cubans, opinion in Government circles at Washington is that it may be many years before it will be possible to entitle the Cubans with the Government of the island.

The Cubans have located several remote towns in the surrounding territory after the withdrawal of the Spanish garrison and have done considerable plowing in the outskirts of Santiago.

London, 25th July.

The dispute between General Shafter and Garcia, the Cuban insurgent leader, has caused great concern at Washington where it is decided to General Shafter's want of tact.

General Shafter has now replied to Garcia's letter of complaint acknowledging the great and valuable assistance rendered by the valiant Cubans and regarding Garcia's determination to win the freedom of Cuba.

**THE SURRENDER OF GUANTANAMO.**

London, 25th July.

The garrison of Guantanamo sent a telegram to the commander of Santiago and finding this to be the case, expressed their willingness to accept the terms. Six thousand men are concerned in this capitulation.

General Shafter is sending an officer to accept their surrender and also the surrender of Baracoa and Sagua La Grande.

London, 25th July.

The Spanish garrison of Guantanamo surrendered to General Shafter on Monday.

**THE MECCA PILGRIMAGE.**

London, 25th July.

The annual pilgrimage to Mecca is now practically ended. No plague occurred amongst the pilgrims.

**THE "CARTAGE."**

London, 25th July.

The steamer *Cartage* has arrived at Plymonth. The lacer who was seized with the plague during the voyage, the passengers were permitted to follow.

**CRICKET.**

London, 25th July.

In the cricket match Gloucester against Notts, which ended in a draw, Dr. Grace scored 168.

London, 27th July.

Yorkshire beat Gloucester by 22 runs.

**READING ELECTRIC.**

London, 25th July.

The parliamentary election for the vacancy at Reading, through the death of Mr. C. T. Murdoch, Conservative member, resulted in the return of Mr. Palmer, Radical candidate, by a majority of 84 over Mr. Keyser, Conservative. The voting was:

Palmer ... 4,000

Keyser ... 3,995

**THE SOUDAN.**

London, 23rd July.

General Gouraud has received within six miles of Shabukha which he reports to be held by thousands of dervishes.

London, 26th July.

A detail of twelve gunboats is now patrolling the Nile to Shabukha, eastwards above which the Dervishes are strongly posted.

London, 26th July.

The Nile force has established an advance deposit at Asirri, twelve miles below Shabukha.

The Khalifa is concentrating his forces at Omdurman and has recalled all his outposts except at Ghedrif and Shabukha, and has announced he will lead his army in person.

**THE DREVYEN.**

London, 26th July.

Colonel Dreyfus has formally charged M. Puy du Fou with forcing or assisting Major Kitchener to force, the documents in connection with the case against Dreyfus.

**THE INDIAN CURRENCY COMMISSION.**

Sindia, 27th July.

Private letters from home show that the Currency Commission is to adjourn for the vacation of 1st August. The present of a commission to its labours, therefore, appears to be growing remote.

**THE HOOLY BANKRUPTCY AND THE PROMISED DISCLOSURES.**

London, 27th July.

E. T. Hocly, the bankrupt millionaire, was publicly examined to-day and gave sensational accounts with names of the numerous sums he had paid to secure titled directors and to square newspapermen, solicitors, and bankers in promoting the Dundee, Bristol, and London companies.

**THE GOODWOOD MEETING.**

London, 27th July.

The Goodwood Plateau, originally styled the Goodwood Stakes, was run for yesterday and resulted as follows—Maris the Second, 1st; Eclipse, 2nd; Invincible the Second, third.

**FIGHTING IN EAST AFRICA.**

London, 28th July.

Letters received from Karrar, our principal base on the continent, report that by Major Maitre, who with a strong force of Indian troops recently crossed the Nile and attacked four hundred Nubian rebels. In the encounter Lieutenant Gage was wounded and forty-three of the Indian troops were killed and wounded.

**THE INDIAN REVOLT.**

Sindia, 22nd July.

The total Civil Revenue of India brought to account in the months of April, May, and June this year is Rs. 1,67,90,000, better than in the same quarter of last year.

**THE DEFENCE OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.**

Calcutta, 26th July.

The Committee on railway defence has commenced sitting here but its proceedings are likely to be protracted as information has to be collected from all parts of India and this will take some months. It is understood that volunteers generally and railway volunteers in particular will play an important part in the scheme which is under preparation for the defence of railway works.

**THE PLAGUE AT CALCUTTA.**

Calcutta, 26th July.

To-day regulars of the road since the occurrence of a fresh plague case in Calcutta and the Lieutenant Governor's optimism as to its total disappearance appears to be fully justified.

Calcutta, 26th July.

On Monday evening a Eurasian was seized with plague and taken to the Medical College Hospital. This brings the total seizes to 18. There are now 12 cases in the various hospitals of the city including three private cases. Most of them are convalescent.

Calcutta, 27th July.

There were no plague cases or deaths on Tuesday.

Calcutta, 28th July.

The plague returned for Wednesday show three seizes and two deaths. The case of a 16-year-old boy named Tram Saikai, who had a slight blow and a sore spot on his shoulder, was admitted all two days ago from the B. I. steamer *Osaka*, turned out to be a plague case. The steamer has been put in quarantine.

**THE GERMAN STEAMER SARITA.**

Hamburg, 27th June.

The German steamer *Sarita*, from Hamburg, had mostly fair weather through Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean, and Red Sea, except for a strong gale and heavy seas off Suez, but a strong S.W. monsoon arrived at Pusan 1st of August, left Singapore on the 11th August, and arrived after a fairly good voyage Hongkong on August 19th, with a great number of Chinese passengers.

**EXPORT GARGO.**

Hongkong, 28th June.

Per E. & O. steamer *Magnolia*, sailed on the 21st June, with 100,000 bags wheat, 100,000 lbs flour, 2,000,000 lbs corn, 100,000 bags blackwood, 4,075 bags tea (26.50 lbs per Se cwt).

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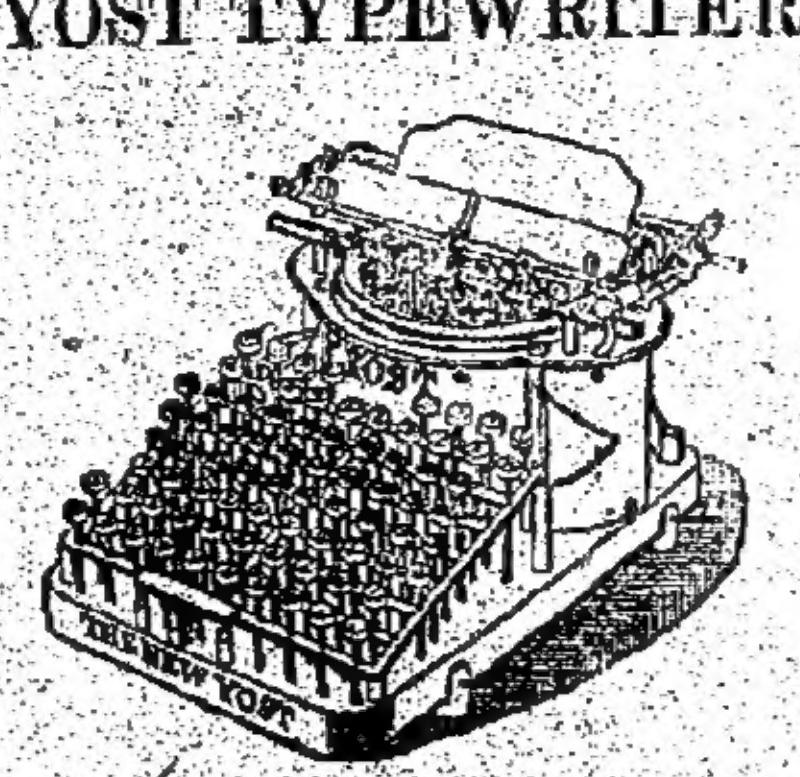
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